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MEETING MINUTES: GAMING CONTROL BOARD

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 7, 2011at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

APPROVED: May 5, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Greene, Chairman, DE Volunteer Fireman's Association Member Deborah Messina, Vice Chairperson, Public Member Scott Angelucci, Public Member Sharon McDowell, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General James Collins, DPR Director Michele Urbaniak, Administrative Specialist II Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Timothy Hamill, Middletown Sports Lounge Carol Torre, Full House Poker A.J. Hemphill, Charitable Games of Delaware

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greene called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Greene asked Ms. Messina to chair the meeting, since he was losing his voice.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of March 3, 2011. Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final Denials

Appoquinimink Ducks Unlimited

Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to make a final denial of the Charitable Gambling application of Appoquinimink Ducks Unlimited. The motion was unanimously approved.

Re-Review of PTD Applications

Cats Around Town Society

<u>American Legion Sussex Post 8</u>

Seaford Alumni Association Foundation Inc.

<u>Autism Society of Delaware</u>

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

American Legion Post 2 Walter L. Fox

Sat. William Lloyd Nelson VFW Post 3792

CAMP Rehoboth

Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to vacate the proposals to deny and approve the applications of Cats Around Town Society, American Legion Sussex Post 8, Seaford Alumni Association Foundation Inc., Autism Society of Delaware, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, American Legion Post 2 Walter L. Fox, Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson VFW Post 3792, and CAMP Rehoboth. The motion was unanimously carried.

Joint Sunset Review

Mr. Greene reported that the Gaming Control Board had a meeting with the Joint Sunset Committee before the Board meeting, and that both the Board members and the Division were satisfied with the discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session None

Board Member Reports None

Delegation of Authority

Delaware Community Foundation (date change approved by Jim Greene)

First State Force Fastpitch Softball (CG App – Jim Greene)

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Sanford Home & School Association (Jim Greene)

St. Ann Church Athletic Association (Debby Messina)

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to ratify the issuance of permits to Delaware Community Foundation, First State Force Fastpitch Softball (Charitable Gaming), First State Force Fastpitch Softball (Texas Hold'Em), Sanford Home & School Association, and St. Ann Church Athletic Association. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Texas Hold'Em Tournaments

Nursing Mothers Inc.

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to propose to deny the Texas Hold'Em application of Nursing Mothers Inc for failure to submit a required After Occasion Report. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Charitable Gambling Events

The Tatnall School

Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to approve the Charitable Gambling application of The Tatnall School. The motion was unanimously carried.

Nursing Mothers Inc.

Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to propose to deny the Charitable Gambling application of Nursing Mothers Inc for failure to submit a required After Occasion Report. The motion was unanimously carried.

Knights of Columbus Old Bohemia Council 6543

<u>Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation</u>

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to approve the Charitable Gambling applications of Knights of Columbus Old Bohemia Council 6543 and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Instant Bingo Events None

Review of Applications for Bingo Events

American Cancer Society - St. Johns Walkers for Life Relay Team

Rainbow Chorale of Delaware – 5/28/11 at Rehoboth Beach Convention Center

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to approve the Bingo applications of American Cancer Society St. Johns Walkers for Life Relay Team and Rainbow Chorale of Delaware (5/28/11 event at Rehoboth Beach Convention Center). The motion was unanimously carried.

Rainbow Chorale of Delaware – 10/15/11 at Carlisle Fire Company

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to propose to deny the Bingo application of Rainbow Chorale of Delaware (10/15/11 event at Carlisle Fire Company) for failure to submit a letter or rental agreement from Carlisle Fire Company. The motion was unanimously carried.

<u>Fraternal Order of Police Sussex County Lodge 9</u>

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to propose to deny the bingo application of Fraternal Order of Police Sussex County Lodge 9 for a discrepancy in the purpose of the event's proceeds. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for Raffles

Christiana Care Health System

Kent County Association of Realtors (KCAR) Scholarship Foundation Inc.

<u>American Home Project</u>

<u>Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation</u>

Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to approve the raffle applications of Christiana Care Health System, Kent County Association of Realtors (KCAR) Scholarship Foundation Inc, American Home Project, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Request to Change Date/Venue of Approved Event None

Inclement Weather/State of Emergency Request None

Approval of Licensure List

Mr. Angelucci read aloud the licensure list of Texas Hold'Em Tournament applications. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to approve the Texas Hold'Em Tournament applications of Diamond State VFW 2863 Ladies Auxiliary, RC Dupont Unit 18 American Legion Auxiliary, and New Castle Moose Lodge 1578 Family Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Angelucci read aloud the licensure list of Charitable Gambling applications. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to approve the Charitable Gambling applications of Diamond State VFW 2863 Ladies Auxiliary, RC Dupont 18 American Legion Auxiliary, RC Dupont 18 American Legion, New Castle Moose Lodge 1578 Family Center, Hall-Burke VFW Post 5447, Ki-Yi Pup Tent No. 1, MOT Senior Center Inc., Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge 2540, Children & Families First of Delaware, Indian River Soccer Club, Seaford Lions Foundation, Inc., Wilmington Senior Center Inc., Kiwanis Club of Georgetown Inc., Friends for Responsible Pet Care Inc., Our Lady of Fatima Council KOC, Children's Beach House, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Inc., and Newark Senior Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Angelucci read aloud the licensure list of Raffle applications. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci, to approve the Raffle applications of Rehoboth Beach Historical Society, Milford Lions Club, Autism Delaware Inc., KINfolk Ltd., and Delaware Theatre Company. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued

Mr. Angelucci read aloud the list of Bingo Event Permits issued. Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to ratify the Bingo Permits of: Ladies Auxiliary of the Georgetown Fire Company, International Order of Job's Daughters, Bowers Fire Company, Camden-Wyoming Moose Lodge 203, Sussex County AMVETS Post 2, ADAS Kodesh Shel Emeth, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, Milford Elks Lodge 2401, Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Delware Vets Post 2, Cape Henlopen Elks, Kiwanis Club of Greater Millsboro, Harrington Fire Company, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Farmington Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Clayton Fire Company, Trinity Foundation, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, International Order of Job's Daughters, Newark Elks Lodge 2281, and Claymont Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearings/Consent Agreements None

Complaint Assignment and Status

Mr. Greene reported that he has been assigned as the Board Contact for Complaint 22-05-11, and that he has recommended that the Board issue a letter of concern. Ms. Warren and Mr. Nickerson are working out the specifics of the process to issue a letter of concern.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

DPR Proposal for Application Processing

Ms. Urbaniak explained a proposal from the Board's staff for processing applications. Since the Board requires up-to-date After Occasion Reports as a prerequisite for licensure, then the Division is proposing to treat the After Occasion Reports as part of the credentialing process in order to make an application "complete". In the event that an organization submits a gaming application and that organization has outstanding AORs, then the application is incomplete and should not be submitted for Board review. The same guidelines would apply for any other required documentation, such as off-site permission letters. The Board staff will continue to send emails or letters to organizations notifying them of missing documentation as incomplete applications are received. If all necessary documentation is not received by the Board office 10 days before the next scheduled board meeting, then the application remains incomplete and will not be added to the board's meeting agenda for review. If an application is not reviewed due to being incomplete, and an event date or dates pass, then the organization forfeits those lapsed dates. In the event that all dates on an application lapse due to the application being incomplete, the organization also loses its non-refundable application processing fee. Applicants will not be allowed to submit alternate dates for applications whose dates have lapsed. This application process is used for all other professional boards under the Division of Professional Regulation. The Board staff believes this process will reduce the number of contingent approvals and proposals to deny, and will also ultimately reduce the number of incomplete applications received and encourage more timely submissions of AORs. In addition, the process will reduce the amount of administrative work associated with gaming applications. Ms. Urbaniak reported that we currently have over 300 outstanding AORs, and advised that the Division will be sending a mass-mailing of letters to organizations with outstanding AORs. Mr. Collins recommended that the Board office also mail a 60-day notification of the new process to all charitable organizations, and that the 60-day notification be followed by a 30-day reminder notice. After discussion, Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to approve the Division's proposal for application processing, including two notifications mailed to charitable organizations. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Timothy Hamill of Middletown Sports Lounge asked if the Board would consider reducing the application processing fee for Texas Hold'Em Tournaments. Mr. Hamill stated that the number of tournaments are continuing to decline as casinos are now offering Texas Hold'Em Tournaments. Mr. Greene and Ms. Messina advised that reducing the fee was not currently being considered.

A.J. Hemphill of Charitable Games of Delaware asked for clarification regarding the new application process. Ms. Urbaniak advised that permit numbers and event dates are included in emails/letters sent to charitable organizations who are missing AORs. Ms. Urbaniak further advised that the Board's agenda is prepared ten days prior to a board meeting, and that all applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Board office no later than 10 days before the meeting in order to be included on the Board's agenda. Ms. Messina stated that the Board has the authority to enforce that applications be submitted 60 days before a meeting, but that the Board has chosen to be lenient and only require 10 days. The Board recommended that third party vendors advise their clients of the new application process, and of the Board's 10-day rule, as they are working with their clients on upcoming events.

Carol Torre of Full House Poker asked if a charitable organization could have charitable gambling events with one vendor and a Texas Hold'Em tournament with another vendor. The Board confirmed that as long as the organization stays within the allowable number of events, who the vendor is does not matter. Organizations are limited to one charitable gambling event per month, and one Texas Hold-Em event every 70 days.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is May 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Conference Room B, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded Ms. McDowell, to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Urbaniak

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Administrative Specialist II